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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Jim Nicholas

Dear Mr. Morales:

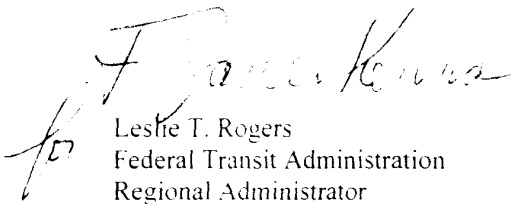
SUBJECT: SLOCOG 2000/01-2002/03 FTIP Amendment 3

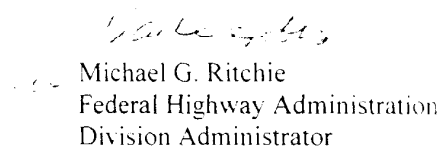
We have completed our review of the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Amendment 3 to its 2000/01 – 2002/03 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted by your letter dated January 23, 2002. The Amendment was adopted by SLOCOG on December 5, 2001. This Amendment adds a new Transportation Enhancement Activities project and various transit projects in San Luis Obispo County; and modifies funding for the Plan, Program and Monitor project.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450, and find that the changes in the amendment were developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). Please note that it is not necessary to program the project "Short Range Transit Plan for SLO City" into the FTIP. The Short Range Transit Plan is a non-capital project and should be included in the Overall Work Program instead. The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR 93.126 and/or 93.127.) This Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These findings have been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA.)

This letter constitutes joint FHWA and FTA approval for inclusion of the modifications proposed by SLOCOG's Amendment 3, except the Short Range Transit Plan for SLO City, into the California 2000/01-2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP.) This approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,


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Regional Administrator


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Division Administrator